

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

**SC 3/2010
[2010] NZSC 6**

PRAKASH MANI

v

THE QUEEN

Court: Blanchard, McGrath and Wilson JJ

Counsel: Applicant in Person
A R Burns for Crown

Judgment: 10 February 2010

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

The application for leave to appeal is dismissed.

REASONS

[1] The applicant is seeking leave to appeal against the Court of Appeal's refusal to grant him bail pending a hearing of his appeal to that Court against his convictions for sexual offending.

[2] The applicant's situation in prison appears to be no different from other persons who have lodged appeals to the Court of Appeal. He has a grant of legal aid and is therefore in a position to obtain legal assistance from assigned counsel, which he should proceed to do. An early hearing date, 12 April 2010, has been allocated.

[3] The proposed appeal therefore raises no question of public or general importance and there is no appearance of any miscarriage of justice in the refusal of bail.

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